2. Multi-Drug Regimen is being introduced in a phased manner in high endemic districts to effect an early cure, break transmission and render the disease non-infectious. Health Education, mobilisation of voluntary organisations and public involvement are important features of this programme.

3. The Seventh Five Year Plan proposals are still in the stage of formulation.

4. Allocation of resources for the programme has been increased from 348.86 lakhs in 1980-81 to Rs. 1500 lakhs in 1984-85. The position of number of leprosy patients at the end of March, 1984 is as follows:—

Number of cases registered at the beginning	.. 29.01 lakhs
Number of new cases added during 1983-84	.. 4.82 lakhs
Total number of cases registered	.. 33.38 lakhs
Total number of cases brought under treatment	.. 33.57 lakhs
Number of cases discharged during 1983-84	.. 2.84 lakhs
Balance number of cases under treatment at the end of March, 1984	.. 30.73 lakhs

Achievements in Irrigation Potential

*251. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state the irrigation potential achieved so far *vis-a-vis* the target of 13.74 million hectares set for the Sixth Five-Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI HARI NATH MISHRA): The irrigation potential achieved upto the end of 1983-84 is estimated at 9.1 m. ha.

Warning against shortage of Vanaspati

*252. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of 17th July, 1984 to the effect that the Indian Vanaspati Producers' Association had warned of serious shortage of vanaspati in the country in the immediate future, based on the demand and supply assessment made by them;

(b) if so, the details of production of vanaspati from November, 1982 to October, 1983 against its requirement;

(c) what is the likely requirement of vanaspati in 1984-85; and

(d) what steps are being taken to meet this requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production of vanaspati from November, 1982 to October, 1983 was 8.934 lakh tonnes, which is a reflection of its demand.

(c) Around 9 lakh tonnes. However, it is linked with the availability of indigenous edible oils.

(d) Government is supplying imported edible oils to the vanaspati industry to the extent of 60 per cent, at normal rates, of its requirement of raw edible oils in the manufacture of vanaspati. Apart from the above, the following steps have been taken to increase the production:—

(i) Increase in commercial rate allocation upto 20 per cent from August, 1984 onwards.

(ii) Increased allocation of imported oil to units having idle capacity and low production.